

COURTWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 7

28.03.24

As we near the end of the first term of 2024, I hope the holidays allow you all to have some time together with your families and that you enjoy the Easter break. Although it has been a short term, we have managed to fit a lot in. I look forward to seeing you all in the summer term and sharing with you the future successes of the children during that time. Thank you as always for your support.

Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** for achieving the highest attendance percentage! The minimum target for attendance each week as set by the Government is **95%**.

Whole School	93.6%	Year 3	94.1%
Reception	93.7%	Year 4	94.8%
Year 1	93.0%	Year 5	93.7%
Year 2	94.7%	Year 6	91.5%

Thursday 28th March

PTFA
Mufti Day
&
Easter Egg Hunt
£1 Donation

Thank you for your support

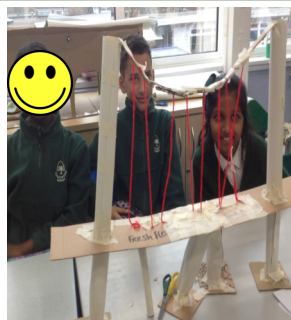
End of Term: 2:00pm



Easter by Year 1

Year 4—DT Day

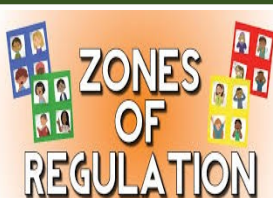
Year 4 designed, created, tested and evaluated their bridges. They were making a model for Mr Barfield to choose a bridge to hopefully one day be made for the school pond. The top 3 bridges held 1,800g, 1400g and 900g! Their original aim was 200g which everyone managed!



ESAFETY—What are parental controls?

Parental controls are settings available across devices, apps and networks. They let you manage screen time, in-game spending, content, communication and more. It can be hard to navigate online safety across all the tech your child interacts with. Please take time to look at the step-by-step parental controls, safety and privacy guides. For younger children, these guides can help you customise their digital experiences and learn online safety. For older children, these guides can help lead conversations around safety settings on social media, in video games and beyond.

Click on [icons](#) below for instructions to set



Tools for Regulation — **Yellow Zone** — Decrease Arousal

- Talk to my parents / friends
- Take 3 deep breaths
- Do a wall push up
- Use a fidget
- Go for a walk
- Take a break
- Read
- Deep pressure
- Slow movement
- Heavy work to muscles
- Soft lighting

If Hyper-Activity was an Animal

*If hyper-activity was an animal,
It would never be in one place,
It's feathered body would be full of speed,
and it's crescent wings spread with grace.
It rarely touches the ground,
and looks like a boomerang in the air,
with a forked tail and minute beak,
It only lands to nest and take care.
When it glides down near the ground,
It brings excitement watching it,
It visits when you least expect it,
And disappears before you know it.*

Poem by Luca (Year 5)

Neurodiversity Week

Last week, Courtwood Primary celebrated Neurodiversity Diversity. On Wednesday, the children attended a whole-school assembly which included presentations from some of our amazing pupils who confidently shared some personal experiences and information with the rest of the school. Learning then continued back in the classroom, with children across the school completing different activities to celebrate our beautifully unique and individual brains. Celebrations and discussions across the week aimed to raise awareness of neurodiversity, highlighting and celebrating the strengths and talents of all our pupils, reminding us all that our differences are what make us extraordinary!



Click on the [link](#) to learn more about [Neurodiversity](#).

Holly Class

Holly class have planted seeds with Mrs Farrington in the Edible Playground. The children are looking forward to seeing their seeds grow.



Chestnut Class

For their DT project this half term, Chestnut class have been sawing their chassis for their moving vehicles, attaching the circuits to their moving vehicles and attaching the body of their vehicles to the chassis.



Year 5

As part of Year 5's science topic, **Earth and Space**, the class spent time researching secondary sources to gain further information about the solar system. There are some excellent astronomers in Year 5. Children are now able to identify the different phases of the moon.



General Reminders

- Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit, including shoes each day for school.
- Children **must** bring a water bottle to school daily.
- Please ensure that you are collecting your child on time at the end of the school day. Late charges will be incurred as per our policy.
- The end of the day is very busy for the office. Please do not call from 3pm unless an absolute emergency. Please note that we would require you to email to inform us of a change in the collection of your child, giving plenty of notice so that this can be passed onto their class teacher before 3pm.

Important Dates

- **Thursday 28th March** – Break up 2pm Easter Holidays
- **Monday 15th April** – School re-opens
- **Tuesday 23rd April** – **Dad's Breakfast – 8am**
- **Thursday 2nd May** – School Closed – Polling Day
- **Monday 6th May** – School Closed – Bank Holiday
- **Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May**—Y6 SATs
- **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May** – Half Term
- **Monday 3rd June** – School re-opens
- **Friday 19th July** – Break up 2pm for Summer Holidays